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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the Title and the paragraph describing the Field of Invention. The term "bacteria" has been replaced with the term "fungi". The Title and Field of Invention incorrectly identified the *Curvularia* species as being an endophytic bacteria when in fact the *Curvularia* species is an endophytic fungi. This amendment corrects an obvious error and does not add new matter. Support for the amendment is found throughout the specification. For example, on page 5, in the paragraph beginning on line 16, the specification identifies *Curvularia* as being an endophytic fungi. Similarly, on page 6, the paragraph beginning on line 1 identifies *Curvularia* as being an endophytic fungi.

Applicant respectfully request that the amendment be entered.

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